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Sir:

This is in reply to the office action mailed on May 24, 2000. Reconsideration of the application in view of following remarks is requested.

REMARKS

§ 112 Rejection

Reconsideration of the § 112 is respectfully requested. Claim 11 is in the Beauregard format recognized by the United States Patent & Trademark Office. See for example M.P.E.P. § 2106 at page 21-16, Rev. 1, Feb. 2000, reciting a claim for "a computer memory encoded with executable instructions representing a computer program that can cause a computer to function in a particular fashion". Thus, an article is anything that can store instructions. There is nothing vague and indefinite about the breadth of the language. Article claims are well accepted under the Beauregard case and M.P.E.P. Chapter 2000.

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